

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

The title has been amended as follows:

-- CERAMIC PLATE [MATERIAL] FOR SIDE [DAM] WEIR OF TWIN[-]DRUM [STRIP CASTER] TYPE CONTINUOUS CASTING APPARATUS --

The claims have been amended as follows:

3. A ceramic plate material for the side dams of a twin-drum strip caster according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized by consisting of, in terms of mass%, BN of not less than 5% to not more than 20%, AlN of more than 15% to not more than 40% and  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  of not less than 40% to not more than 80%.
5. A ceramic plate material for the side dams of a twin-drum strip caster according to claim [3 or] 4, characterized by further containing, in terms of mass%, one or more of:  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  of not less than 1% to not more than 15%,  $\text{MgO}$  of not less than 1% to not more than 15%,  $\text{ZrO}_2$  of not less than 1% to not more than 30% and  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$  of not less than 1% to not more than 15%.